

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Relying on those who have the most power and money to represent multiple viewpoints on important issues will not work. Media monopolies will never serve to educate the public - they are solely geared toward maintaining the power of the monopoly. The hard-working and busy people of this country deserve better than single-sided commentaries. Everyone should have access to varied information, and be able to make their own choices. That's what being an American is supposed to be about - choice.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.